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Applicant: PAUL DEATON, BENJAMIN BIERMAN, MEREDITH J. WILLIAMS, BRIAN HAAS, DAVID S. BALLANCE AND JAMES V. TIETZ
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PURGING THE BACK SIDE OF A SUBSTRATE DURING CHEMICAL VAPOR PROCESSING

Enclosed are the following papers, including all those required for a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

Pages of Specification	28
Pages of Claims	10
Pages of Abstract	1
Signed Declaration	[To Be Filed At A Later Date]
Sheets of Drawing	11

Under 35 USC §120, this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. application 08/687,166, filed July 24, 1996.

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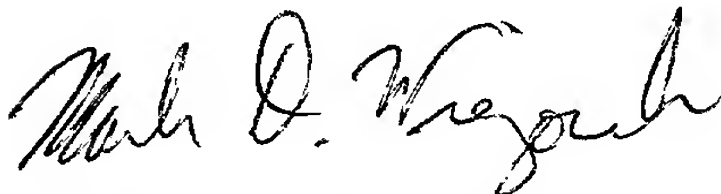
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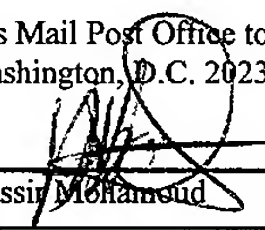


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REQUEST FOR FILE WRAPPER CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.62

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.62 of prior pending patent application Serial No. 08/548,418, filed on October 26, 1995 entitled METHOD OF BENDING SHEET GLASS by the following inventor(s):

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The above-identified prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

1. ☒ Enter the amendment previously filed on February 19, 1997, but unentered, in the prior application.

2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated below on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 2 above:

CLAIMS AS FILED

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS: 5 -20	0	x	\$22	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1 -3	0	x	\$80	\$0.00
			BASIC FILING FEE:	\$770.00
			TOTAL FILING FEE:	\$770.00

- ☐ A Verified Statement that this filing is by a small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) is already filed in the prior application.

- ☐ A Verified Statement that this filing is by a small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) is attached.

3. ☒ Payment of fees:

- ☒ Attached is a check in the amount of \$ 770.00.
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4. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.

5. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

"This is a Continuation of application Serial No. 08/548,418, filed October 26, 1995 which is a Continuation of application Serial No. 08/204,536, filed March 2, 1994.

6. ☐ A new oath or declaration is included since this application is a continuation-in-part which discloses and claims additional matter.

7. ☒ Priority of application Serial No. 5-041203, filed on March 2, 1993 in Japan, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

8. ☒ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. 08/204,536, filed March 2, 1994.

9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Nippon Sheet Glass Co., Ltd.

10. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

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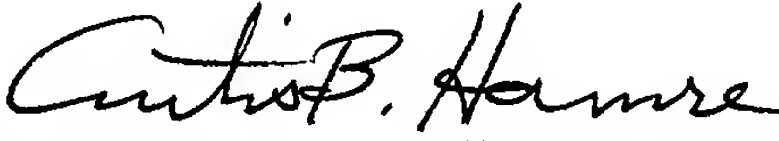
11. ☒ A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until May 19, 1997. A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.
12. ☐ The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:
13. ☐ Also Enclosed:
14. ☒ Address all future communications to the **Attention of Curtis B. Hamre** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.
15. ☒ A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT

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Serial No.: 08/548,418 Group Art Unit: 1303
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

On consideration of the Advisory Action dated March 10, 1997, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 1, in the title replace "BENDING" with --SHAPING--.

Page 1, lines 5-6, replace "bending" with --shaping--.

Page 3, line 14, replace "bending" with --shaping--.

Delete page 3, line 19 to page 4, line 11.

Page 4, line 12, delete "also".

Page 6, line 2, replace "bending" with --shaping--.



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IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly rewrite claim 5 as follows:

5. (fourth amendment) A method according to claim 10, wherein said sheet of glass includes a side area on each side of a central area therebetween, and [including] wherein said shaping mold includes a pair of said second shaping surface areas and said second suction chambers with one on each side of said first shaping surface area and said first suction chamber, respectively, said second shaping surface areas being curved, said then developing a second vacuum [stop] step comprising said ring mold being maintained spaced from said curved second shaping surface areas while vacuum is developed in said second suction chambers, said side areas of the sheet of glass being attracted by the vacuum and [bent] shaped against the curved second shaping surface areas.

Claim 6, line 4, replace "bent" with --shaped--.

Kindly rewrite claim 10 as follows:

10. (twice amended) A method of [bending] shaping a sheet of glass heated nearly to a softening point thereof with a suction mold including first and second suction chambers having respective first and second shaping surface areas, comprising the steps of:

placing the sheet of glass on a ring mold;

lowering said suction mold toward said ring mold to an extent that the shaping surface areas come close to the sheet of glass on said ring mold;

developing a first vacuum in said first suction chamber at a first time to attract a first area of the sheet of glass against the first shaping surface area to shape the first area of the sheet of glass and then developing a second vacuum in said second suction chamber at a second time to attract a second area of the sheet of glass against the second shaping surface area to [complete the shaping] shape the second area of the sheet of glass complementary to the first area, said first time being before said second time so that the sheet of glass is successively brought against the first and second shaping surface areas; and

then releasing the sheet of glass from the first and second shaping surface areas of the suction mold onto a quenching ring and moving the sheet of glass on the quenching ring to quenching.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to clarify the invention. Basis is found on page 4, lines 12-24. No new matter has been added.

Claims 5, 6, and 10 have been amended. Claims 5-8 and 10 remain pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that the claims did not contain any positive bending steps. "Bending" has been deleted from the claims. Rather, the claims are directed to shaping a sheet of glass.

In claim 5, basis for lines 2-3 is found at page 9, lines 5-11.

Claim 5 has been further amended to make it clear that it is the shaping mold which includes a pair of said second shaping surface areas and said second suction chambers.

Claim 5 has been further amended to delete the term "stop". There is now antecedent basis for "said then developing a second vacuum step" at claim 10, line 12.

Claim 10 has been amended to make it clear that a first area of the sheet of glass is first shaped and then a second area of the sheet of glass is later shaped so as to be complementary to the first area. The term "then" has been added prior to the final step of the method so that it is clear that the releasing step follows immediately from the shaping steps. In particular, the releasing step releases the sheet of glass from the first and second shaping surface areas onto a quenching ring so that the sheet of glass is moved to quenching without further alteration.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are requested. Allowance of claims 5-8 and 10 at an early date is solicited.

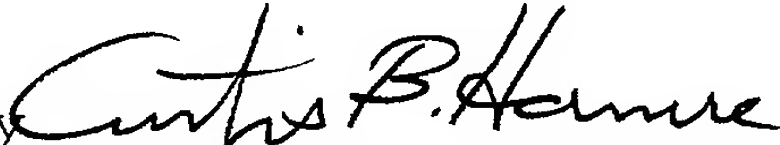
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